

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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OCCUPANCY OF TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a steep fall in the occupancy of the Rajdhanis and Shatabdis during 2001-2002;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Chennai-Bangalore Mysore Shatabdis alone earned profit during that period; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken to attract more passengers for this train?

Answer

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(a) & (b) : As compared to the previous year, while Rajdhani trains have shown increase in the number of passengers , the Shatabdi express Trains have shown slight decline in the number of passengers booked.

(c): The profitability of individual trains are not maintained. The earnings of Train No. 2008 Mysore-Chennai Shatabdi Express has increased during the year 2001-02 in comparison to the previous year. In addition, ten other Shatabdi Express trains have also indicated increase in earnings as compared to previous year.

(d): Wide publicity through News papers advising the general public about the availability of accommodation in 2007/2008 Chennai-Mysore Shatabdi Express trains is given. Further, a special counter is available at the platform of departure of these trains at Chennai and Bangalore for the convenience of last minute passengers, from where tickets are issued subject to availability of accommodation.